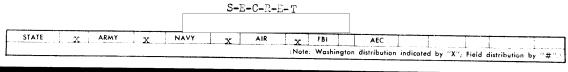
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<i>.</i> ⊕	18,000-ton oil tankers						
	was quite heavy. An average of two or three tankers daily, discharged crude petroleum, which was stored at the local						
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	was also considerable railroad tankear traffic coming from In addition to fuel arriving at this port, Soviet ships brought iron ore, which was then sent inland in railroad cars to blast furnaces in an undetermined location. Passenger liners arrived and departed daily with tourists and bathers to and from the town of Sochi near Tuapse. There was an excellent beach, and the temperature never fell below 6 degrees Centigrade. This spa was the resort of public figures in the Party and Government who came with their families from northern USSR in railroad sleeping cars.						
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- 2. The harbor was large, and could be compared to Catania Sicily. It was sheltered from southeasterly winds by a detached breakwater at the entrance, and by other breakwaters. Depths in the harbor were approximately 10 meters. A reinforced concrete pier in the outer harbor accommodated oil tankers on both sides or loading and unloading fuel. Some 10 pipes of 30-centimeter diameter extended from this pier to the storage tanks approximately two kilometers away. There were also three cranes on the quayed breakwater used for unloading iron ore from ships; there were railroad tracks on this quay which permitted loading rail—road cars by rab-burbat cranes. This quay was approximately 500 meters long and also accommodated Soviet steamships which transferred general cargo and passengers. Three or four lighters served the port.
- 3. There was a small shippard in the port area. A 1,000-ton vessel was under construction, and work was proceeding slowly according to local information. This hull had been building for two years. This yard also did light repair work on vessels. Approximately 100 Soviet and Satellite civilians were employed there.



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4.	equipped: They never	fishing vessels were based there. They were well strayed beyond two miles from the shore, and wous watch of naval patrol boats during the day ight.	
5•	some 8,000 to 9,000 so This area harbored not and submarines. Sovie powerful searchlights were operated by army did not not stated that there were were no airfields repe area was flown over by clock; it is believed	or corner of the harbor, there was a naval area of quare meters bounded by large stone freakwaters. tor gunboats, motor patrol boats, MTF's, subchasers et naval units moved in and out frequently. Several were installed on the coast near the port, and men who searched the water throughout the nightice any artillery satteries near the city, but e undoubtedly some to protect the port. There orted near the town, but the fact is, that the y swift fighters and heavy bombers, around the that these craft were based in the general Aircraft of various types were seen to maneuver	25X1 25X1
6.	night, the sentries of patrol boat, with dous The police and customs as carefully as they and any cameras that a crews' quarters were a its identification parindividuals was strict appeared to be artification parindividuals was strict appeared to be artificated a police state. In eacould think of going a aboard for work reason etc., were carefully a pass which was handed they were aboard. It	erthed in Tuapse were closely watched and at a the shore side were doubled, while a motor sed lights, was anchored on the outboard side. It is officers no longer inspected the foreign ships formerly did, but they sealed the ship's radio may have been owned by the crew. Officers and no longer inspected; the crew was checked for pers. Foreign currencies in the possession of the checked. This new method of inspection cially polite and was done to hide the marks of effect, there was strict control, so that no person ashore with any article. Civilians who came as, as loading representatives, customs officials, watched by the border police and carried a special to the policeman on watch and kent by him while has been noticed that these officials assually were swed a certain fear of the local police who watched	
7•	proved necessity, would the people was black on the crew; the price approximately 320 lire. There were a few taver expensive for westerned trubles for one US do theaters, in poor condrestrooms. The People town for the majority ill-clothed, under now the condition of the majority would, under now dressed as men were se clothing was still rate.	dilable in this town; only in case of dire and any food supply be made. The broad caten by and unedible for fellow nationals a was 2 rubles a kilogram, which is equal to e. There were no worthwhile public restaurants. The sum of the property of the for 150 lire; which dispensed a liquid called beer, which was ers at the rate of exchange (1 ruble for 150 lire; which was ers at the rate of exchange (1 ruble for 150 lire; which was ers at the rate of exchange (1 ruble for 150 lire; which was ers at the rate of exchange (1 ruble for 150 lire; which was at the rate of exchange (1 ruble for 150 lire; which was the only recreational spot in the of the population. The people were generally tished, and showed a sense of apathy and resignation for the cumstances, approach a foreigner. Young women the control of the latter was stingily distributed; fixed by special tables.	25X1
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